

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION**

JOHN ROBERT SMITH, SHIRLEY HALL,
and GENE WALKER

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

Civil Action No. 3:01-cv-855 HTW

DELBERT HOSEMAN, Secretary of State
of Mississippi; JIM HOOD, Attorney General
for the State of Mississippi; HALEY BARBOUR,
Governor of the State of Mississippi; MISSISSIPPI
REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; and
MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

DEFENDANTS

vs.

BEATRICE BRANCH, RIMS BARBER,
L.C. DORSEY, DAVID RULE, JAMES WOODARD,
JOSEPH P. HUDSON, and ROBERT NORVEL

INTERVENORS

and

KELVIN BUCK, ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

Civil Action No. 3:11-cv-717 HTW-LRA

HALEY BARBOUR, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

As a result of the 2010 census, the Mississippi Republican Executive Committee, joined by certain other defendants, has moved this court, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(5) to amend its final judgment entered February 26, 2002, in the

lawsuit of *Smith, et al. v. Clark, et al.*, (now, *Smith v. Hosemann*), Civil Action No. 3:01-cv-855 WS. This motion to amend if carried to a resolution on the merits promises to overlap much of the same dispute which is presented by the recently-filed lawsuit of *Buck, et al. v. Barbour, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:11-cv-717 HTW.

Accordingly, pursuant to Local Rule 42, these two lawsuits of *Smith, et al. v. Hosemann, et al.*, and *Buck, et al. v. Barbour, et al.*, are hereby consolidated for all purposes in the interest of judicial economy and conflict preclusion.

SO ORDERED, this the 19th day of December, 2011.

E. GRADY JOLLY
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE

HENRY T. WINGATE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DAVID C. BRAMLETT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE